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THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH), THE PARTY HAS RECEIVED A REPORT IT CONSIDERS RELIABLE THAT SOME PCCH LEADERS WHO DISAPPEARED IN LATE 1976 ARE BEING HELD BY SECURITY FORCES NEAR MEDOZA, ARGENTINA.

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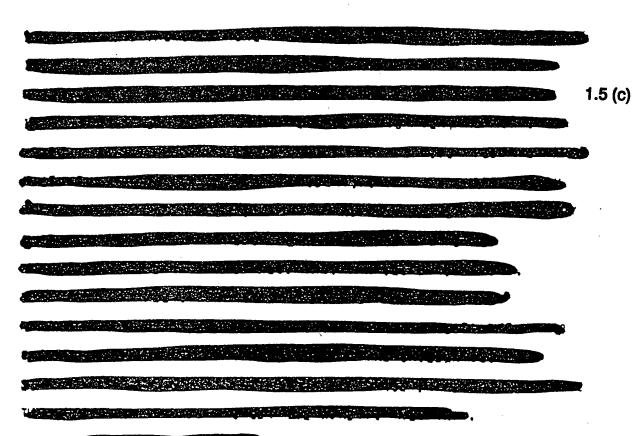
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THAT PARTY LEADERS BELIEVE THE

CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, REACTING TO THE NEW EMPHASIS ON HUMAN

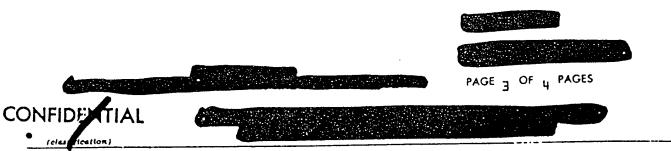
RIGHTS BY THE UNITED STATES, MAY BE PLANNING MOVES TO IMPROVE

CHILE'S IMAGE BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE UNITED

NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PCCH HAS CONFIRMED

THROUGH "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" THAT THIS IS THE CHILEAN INTENTION.

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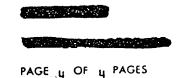


PARTY LEADERS SPECULATE THAT AS A RESULT, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WILL CAUSE MANY "DISAPPEAREDS" TO COME TO LIGHT IN ARGENIINA, URUGUAY AND BRAZIL AS HELL AS IN CHILE, AND THE PCCH TURTHER SPECULATES THAT THOSE WHO ARE "FOUND" IN CHILE WILL BE TRIED PUBLICLY IN ORDER TO GIVE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY TO THEIR REAPPEARANCE.

4. COMMENT: 1.5 (c)

GOVERNMENT HAS DISCREETLY LOCATED 200 PERSONS ALLEGED TO HAVE
"DISAPPEARED" ON A LIST OF 800 PERSONS COMPILED BY THE
VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY. THE 200 PERSONS ARE LOCATED IN
VARIOUS REGIONS OF CHILE, AND THEY ARE NOT AWARE THAT SECUPITY
FORCES' INVESTIGATIONS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN IDENTIFYING THEIR
WHEREABOUTS. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO DISCLOSE
THIS INFORMATION UNTIL ALL ACCUSATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS AGAINST CHILE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE U.N. HUMAN
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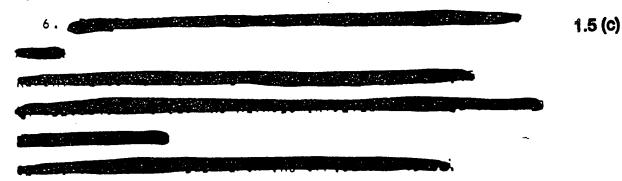


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RECEIVED THIS YEAR CLAIMING THAT MISSING PERSONS HAVE BEEN SEEN AFTER THEIR DISAPPEARANCE CAN BE TRACED TO COMMUNIST SOURCES.

THE PCCH HAS GOOD REASON TO KEEP ALIVE HOPES AND TO INCRIMINATE OTHER SOUTHERN CONE GOVERNMENTS IN THE CHILEAN DISAPPEARANCE PROBLEM. WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR DIEZ, WE KNOW THAT THE GOC IS MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL EFFURT TO LOCATE PERSUNS NAMED ON VARIOUS LISTS OF MISSING AND TO GENERATE. PROOF THAT SOME ARE LIVING CLANDESTINELY HERE OR ABROAD. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOC SOULD FIND AS MANY AS TWO HUNDRED SUCH PEOPLE.)



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